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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the creation of the umbilical cord blood tissue bank.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 191.275, to read as follows:

191.275. 1. There is hereby created a statewide consortium to be
2 known as the "Umbilical Cord Blood Tissue Bank". The umbilical cord
3 blood tissue bank is established as a nonprofit legal entity to collect,
4 preserve, and supply umbilical cord blood and tissue to research
5 facilities for the purpose of conducting adult stem cell research. The
6 consortium shall consist of the University of Missouri system and any
7 other public or private health care or research facility that complies
8 with the rules of this section. The consortium participants shall work
9 with community resources such as regional blood banks, hospitals, and
10 other health care providers to develop local and regional coalitions for
11 the purposes set forth in this section. The consortium participants
12 shall align their outreach programs and activities to all geographic
13 areas of the state.

14 2. Any public or private research facilities may apply for
15 umbilical cord blood and tissue from the bank and shall not be
16 restricted to only research facilities of this state. The department of
17 health and senior services shall establish by rule the guidelines for
18 determining the appropriateness of research conducted by a particular
19 facility. However, only adult stem cell research may be performed with
20 umbilical cord blood and tissue donated to the bank.

21 3. The department of health and senior services shall encourage

22 health care providers, including but not limited to hospitals, birthing
23 facilities, county health departments, physicians, midwives, and nurses
24 to disseminate information about the umbilical cord blood tissue bank.

25 4. Any health care facility or health care provider receiving
26 financial remuneration for the collection of umbilical cord blood and
27 tissue shall provide written disclosure of this information to any
28 woman postpartum or parent of a newborn from whom the umbilical
29 cord blood and tissue is collected prior to the harvesting of the
30 umbilical cord blood and tissue.

31 5. A woman admitted to a hospital or birthing facility for
32 obstetrical services may be offered the opportunity to donate umbilical
33 cord blood and tissue to the umbilical cord blood tissue bank. A woman
34 may not be required to make such a donation.

35 6. The consortium may charge reasonable rates and fees to
36 recipients of cord blood tissue bank products.

37 7. In order to fund the provisions of this section, the consortium
38 participants and the department of health and senior services shall
39 seek private or federal funds to initiate and maintain the umbilical
40 cord blood tissue bank.

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